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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the reference(s) has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular reference
X	1-12	US5123582 A (LO) The whole document is relevant. See especially column 1 lines 27-35.
X	1-5&7-11	US5494204 A (WANG) The whole document is relevant. A dispenser system comprising a plurality of identical dispensers 1 for different coloured webs of adhesive-backed tape wound upon rolls.
X	1-5&7-11	US4527722 A (STRACHAN) The whole document is relevant. See especially column 1 lines 6-17.
X	1-5&7-11	US4262835 A (WROBEL) The whole document is relevant, but see especially column 1 lines 8-12 and column 2 lines 10-14 & 50-52. A dispenser system comprising a plurality of substantially similar dispensers for different adhesive labels.
X	1-5&7-11	US3502252 A (MARIANI) The whole document is relevant. See in particular column 1 lines 12-40.
A	-	WO00/30189 A1 (EVEREADY BATTERY CO) Please see figure 1 and page 4 lines 7-18. A dispenser system 10 comprising four dispensers 12,14,16,18 secured together, each dispenser comprising a housing for a different product wound upon a roll.
A	-	US3294610 A (KOLLOCK et al.) Please see the figures. A dispenser comprising a plurality of web rolls in a 'linear array'.



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Online: WPI, EPODOC, JAPIO.